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### Trusts agree on plans to form a single organisation to run three hospitals



The boards of Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust have approved the start of the merger process

# A MATTER OF TRUST

By Michael Cox

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THE trusts that run Basildon, Southend and Broomfield Hospitals are set to merge.

The boards of Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust approved the start of the merger process at a joint meeting last Wednesday.

The trusts will now work towards becoming a single organisation from the start of April next year.

The merger announcement comes while a public consultation is ongoing into plans set out by the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) for the future of healthcare services across the region.

Mike Fieldhouse, secretary of campaign group Save Southend NHS, said the merger announcement made "a complete mockery" of the consultation.

He cited a quote from the pre-consultation business case report of the STP, published in November, that said the development of a hospital group model "harnesses the

benefits of collaboration, while averting the disruption associated with a formal merger at this time".

He added that a report before the joint meeting of the trusts last week discussed pursuing the creation of an Accountable Care Organisation, which Mr Fieldhouse said "is often seen as the precursor to privatisation".

Clare Panniker, chief executive of the trusts, issued a statement but declined to comment on whether this would lead to privatisation of any services.

The statement said: "All three trust boards voted to support the recommendation to start the formal

process to merge our organisations. All recognised that working together formally in the longer term is crucial to help us deliver and secure safe, high quality services across all three of our hospitals.

"This is separate to the outcome of the public consultation currently under way on the proposed changes to some clinical services – where the decision will be taken by the joint committee of the clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) who will decide how they commission our services based on, among other things, feedback from local people and staff.

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# Shoebury Common to get £300k facelift

SOUTHEND Council is set to pledge around £20million for projects in the borough up to March 2020.

The funding is included in the borough's draft capital budget, set to be discussed at a cabinet meeting on Thursday.

Council leader John Lamb said it must remain "bold and ambitious" and invest in the borough.

'We've got to find alternative funding... one of the ways is to borrow money from the Government at a low interest rate...'

The council's capital budget is used to make one-off investments in projects or to fund essential improvements.

As well as a £2.7million investment into the second phase of The Forum building, the council is also set to add a further £10million to invest in commercial property.

Cllr Andrew Moring said: "We've got to find alternative funding to replace the money we're losing from the Government grant and one of the ways that we can do it is to borrow money from the Government itself at a very low interest rate and then buy commercial property that has already got tenants in it and rent it out."

The council has also set aside £2.25million on flood prevention measures, half of which to come from external sources, which will include underground tanks created on the central seafront to deal with surface water flooding from Queensway down to the central seafront in heavy rainfall.

Andy Lewis, the council's deputy chief executive, said £1million has been earmarked in the capital budget for fire improvement works that may come from a fire safety review commissioned by the council as well as for any work necessitated by a possible change of legislation following a Government review due out into the Grenfell Tower disaster.

£750,000 has been earmarked for the next stage of the Better Queensway project, while £400,000 has been allocated to create a small number of residential care places for children and £300,000 is to go towards improvements to Shoebury Common North.

Work on the latter would include a new children's play area, paths and fitness equipment, new

landscaping and replanting, as well as improvements to the existing car park and entrance.

Cllr Ann Holland, deputy council leader, said: "We have had a long-held ambition to realise the potential of this part of the seafront, which has some of the finest Blue Flag beaches in the borough and boasts commanding views of the estuary."

"Last year, over 100,000 people visited the Poppies: Wave sculpture at Barge Pier in Shoeburyness, opening this part of our borough to a new audience that we want to keep coming back. We believe that investing in Shoebury Common North will build on that success and make much better use of what is currently an underused green space."



**MAKEOVER:** Users of Shoebury Common could benefit from proposed new play area, paths and fitness equipment

## A&E change goes to public consultation in Southend and Castle Point

CONSULTATION events are set to take place in Southend and Castle Point where residents will be able to find out more about future healthcare plans for the region.

The consultation into the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)'s plans was approved by a meeting of the Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Joint Committee in November.

The plans include the development of new assessment and treatment centres alongside each A&E department at Southend, Basildon, and Broomfield Hospitals.

All three A&Es will remain open 24 hours a day and will receive "blue light" ambulances under the proposals.

Professor Mike Bewick, independent chair of the CCG joint committee, said attendees will be able to hear from senior NHS staff, including clinicians, at each discussion event and said the main aim of the events was to explore "what the proposed changes would mean for patients and families."

In Southend, there will be a meeting on Thursday, February 8 between 6.30pm and 8.30 pm in Maritime Room, Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff.

On Tuesday, February 20, another event will take place between 2.30pm and 4.30pm at Oysterfleet Hotel, Canvey while on Wednesday, March 7, a meeting will be held at Audley Mills Education Centre, Eastwood Road, Rayleigh between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

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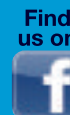
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# Council tax hike to fix budget shortfall

COUNCIL tax for Southend residents is set to rise 4.49 per cent as draft budget plans were revealed.

Southend Council confirmed the planned rise, made up of a 2.99 per cent increase for general use and 1.5 per cent to go towards adult social care.

This amounts to an annual rise of £56.88 for a Band D household.

The hike comes as the council revealed it needs to save £9.7million in 2018/19 and said its main grant from central Government has dropped by nearly a third to £10.3million.

Council leader John Lamb said: "I do not want to announce a proposed council tax rise, but continual and significant central Government cuts and the financial situation make any other scenario impossible. Even with the rises and savings that we are announcing, we estimate that after this year, we will still need to save £417,000 a month over the next three years."

Among the budget shortfall, the council said that £3.8m comes from 'service pressures', including £1.2million to meet increases in childcare numbers and costs.

A spokesman said that the overall budget gap would be met by £7.2million of departmental savings and £2.5million would also come from the council's reserves over the next three years. Deputy leader Ann Holland said: "All of our decisions must be taken within the context of a significant reduction in funding versus significant increases in demand for many of our services."

Some one-off investment is proposed, including £75,000 to help combat and support the prevention of homelessness.

The draft budget is being considered by the council at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday, with a final budget due to be approved at full council in February.



**CHALLENGE:** Deputy leader Ann Holland said a significant reduction in funding and significant increases in demand for services has put pressure on budgets.

## Merger process will seek approval of local community

From front page

"The decision by our boards is about ensuring we have the right systems and processes in place to properly support how we work together so we can make the most of the resources, the skills and the expertise we have available to us."

"We have been clear that this not about making further changes to clinical services, making any changes to the proposals within the consultation or removing local leadership and accountability at each hospital site."

She added the next step of the merger

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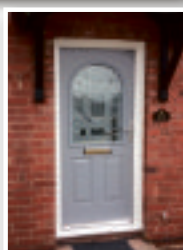
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# Southend Forum expansion programme aims to raise £19million funding

## Library investment bid gets £2.7m council boost

PLANS have been announced for a £19million extension for The Forum in Southend.

Southend Council has included a £2.7million investment into the project as part of its draft capital budget.

The council confirmed its contribution towards the project, which would be a joint venture with South Essex College.

The rest of the funding portions have not been confirmed and are still subject to discussions between the council, the college and external funding bodies.

If it goes ahead, a council spokesman said the building would focus on digital, creative and cultural industries.

The current building, the first combined academic and public library in the country, was opened in 2013 after a £27million investment.

The council expects its contribution to go towards contemporary and community art gallery space, an associated shop and cafe as well as a digital workspace for creative and digital businesses.



**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mark Murphy, Southend Council's group manager for property and estate management and Anthony McGarel outside The Forum

Ann Holland, the council's deputy leader, said: "The Forum has had 1.75million visitors since it opened in 2013 so that's been really

tremendous.

"It was always intended as a two phase development and the building would have a focus on digital, creative and

cultural industries and will have performance studios and this will be a big area of growth for Southend's economy."

She added that a significant need for extra space for the college had been identified by discussions with partners.

If completed, the building would also be home to a public and teaching restaurant, performance studios, rehearsal space, computer music suites and teaching rooms for the college.

Anthony McGarel, deputy principal and chief executive of the college, said: "We're extremely excited about the proposed new development.

"It would allow us to increase our popular digital, media, music and performing arts offer in Southend and provide the town with a new restaurant, benefiting students and the local communities we serve."

Once funding has been confirmed, a design for the new building would go to tender.

A completion date for the building has been set ahead of the academic year beginning in September 2021.

The council's draft 2018/19 budget is being discussed at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Commissioner quiz

● SOUTHEND residents are invited to quiz Roger Hirst, Essex's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, next week.

A public meeting is taking place on Tuesday, January 23 in the Jubilee Room at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, between 6.30pm and 8pm.

#### Cash for baby unit

● STUDENTS at South Essex College have raised more than £1,000 for Southend Hospital's Special Care Baby Unit.

The level 3 business students arranged a series of events and generated a total of £1,177 for the unit.

Daniel Pinder, 17, from Southend, organised a bake sale at the college's Southend campus as part of the fundraising activities.

Another group of students held a fine dining charity night in Waves, the college's restaurant, and sales from the tickets went to the fund.

#### Potter night at Forum

● A HARRY Potter night is being held for youngsters at a library in Southend.

The Fantastic Beasts themed event, for children aged between eight and 12, is taking place on February 1 in the Children's Library at The Forum, Elmer Square.

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Police issue warning as elderly people in Southend are phoned by criminals posing as detectives in latest scam

# Bogus caller alert as OAPs targeted

POLICE are urging vigilance after four incidents across Southend and Castle Point where people posing as detectives have tried to con elderly women.

The first incident happened at around 3pm on Tuesday, January 9, when a man called a 94-year-old woman from Leigh and told her that her bank card had been used to purchase items illegally in Brighton.

The woman was asked to remain on

the line, press three digits and then speak to a detective on the phone. She then spoke to a woman but grew suspicious, hung up and called a relative.

At around 4.20pm on the same day, a 73-year-old woman in Westcliff was contacted and told that her card had been used to purchase high value items in Birmingham. The same tactics were used but she grew suspicious and hung up.

Later on that day, a third elderly woman, from Southend, was called, told that there was suspicious activity on her account and asked to withdraw thousands of pounds.

She went into her bank the following day, told staff and police were called at 10am.

The final report was made at 12.40pm on Friday, January 12, by an elderly woman in Benfleet who also hung up and contacted police.

Investigating officer DS Rachel Jeffery said: "The suspects are preying on their elderly victim's trust and respect for police officers in an attempt to con them out of hundreds, and in some cases thousands of pounds."

"Fortunately, in each case reported to

us last week the victims were rightly suspicious and either told a relative, police or their banks.

"Remember we will never ask you for personal bank details on the phone or ask you to withdraw any sums of cash."

"We would always talk to you in person if we were concerned about anything suspicious reported to us."

**'Suspects are preying on their elderly victim's trust.'**

"Even at your doorstep, continue to remain vigilant and ask an officer to show their identification, we won't mind you asking to see."

For more advice on bogus callers and scams visit: <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/bogus-callers/>.



**WARNING:** Police issue advice to elderly people over bogus caller phone scam.



**UPGRADE:** Southend Council deputy chief executive said bollard security will be improved to prevent vehicular terror attacks

## Security tightened over 'vehicular' terror fears

SOUTHEND Council has announced plans to invest in security measures in the town.

The council revealed that £500,000 has been included in its draft capital budget "to implement security measures required due to current national threat levels".

The UK's current threat from international terrorism is severe, meaning that an attack is 'highly likely'.

The council's deputy chief executive Andy Lewis said the planned funding was for ensuring the town centre and seafront areas are safe, especially from the risk of vehicular terrorist attacks.

He said: "Whilst we're absolutely not saying there is a terror threat

against Southend, it is looking at vulnerable places and trying to take provision to improve that."

"There is a bollard system in the centre of the High Street so it's about upgrading that to provide protection and design changes to the seafront to prevent that sort of issue, particularly when we get very busy days on the seafront."

A council spokesman added that the majority of the money is set to go on the bollard upgrade, during which the council would look at other locations that may need measures.

The earmarked funding is part of the council's draft budget, which will be discussed at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

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Last Thursday police arrested a 42-year-old man from Southend on suspicion of robbery, possession of an offensive weapon and possession of class A drugs.

A man, 42, from Basildon, was held on suspicion of conspiracy to

commit robbery and possession of an offensive weapon and a 49-year-old man from Southend was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit robbery.

All three have been released under investigation.

Police continue to appeal about the incident and witnesses or anyone with information can call Southend CID on 101, quoting crime reference number 42/4795/18, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).



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Last January, the club named HARP as their charity of the year and held fundraising events throughout 2017.

Ladies club captain Debbie Wood said the 2017 section captains at the golf club were proud to support HARP during their captaincy year.

Lisa Walton, HARP community fundraiser, said: "We are thrilled to receive such a generous donation from the golf club which will help us continue to reach out to those most in need this winter."

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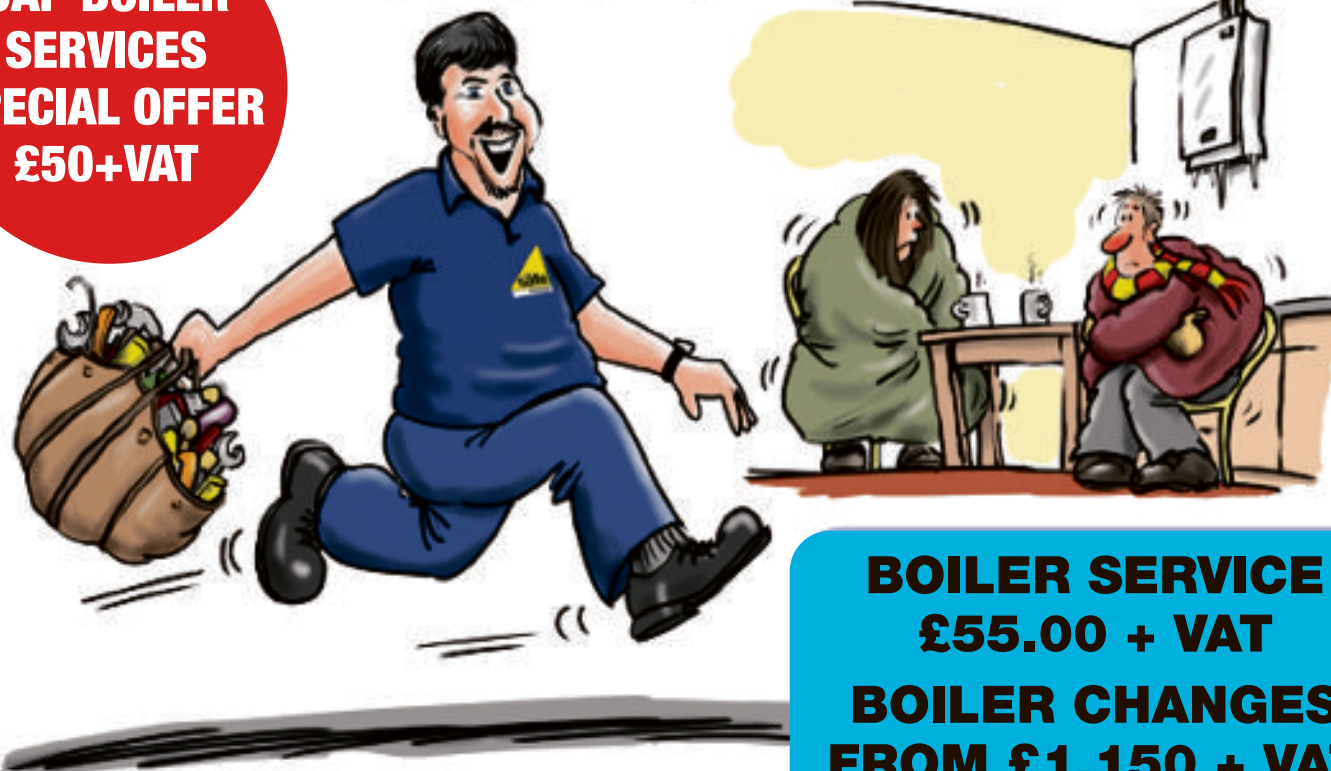
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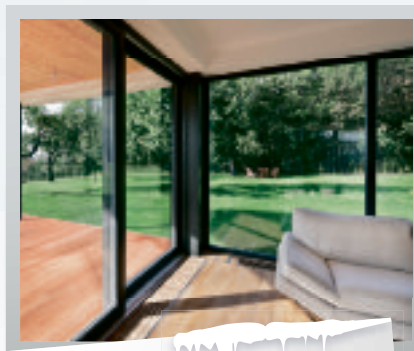
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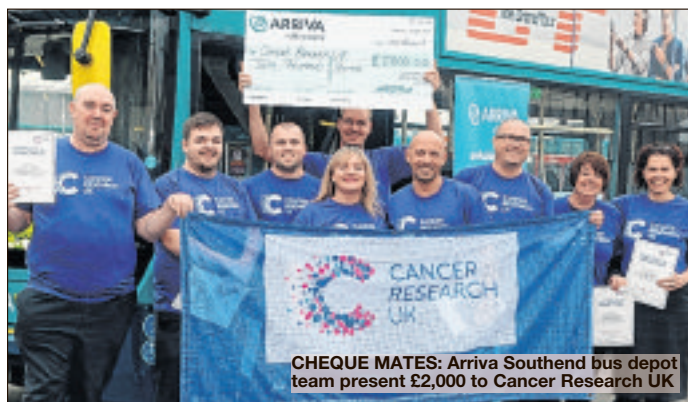
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CHEQUE MATES: Arriva Southend bus depot team present £2,000 to Cancer Research UK

## Heroic bus drivers raise charity cash

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Arriva's Southend depot team quadrupled their fundraising target after setting out to raise £500 in memory of colleague Debbie Spencer, who lost her life from the disease.

They drove buses between December 11 and 16 dressed as their favourite superheroes and encouraged passengers to donate to onboard collection buckets.

The team handed over a £2,000 cheque to the charity at the depot.

Lee Burvill-Eckett, marketing champion at the depot, said: "I'm so proud of our team for their efforts and would like to thank all of those who donated. The costumes were

incredibly well received, with many compliments from passengers and even the occasional selfie request.

"A personal highlight for me was when a mother and son boarded my bus, commenting that she had waited an extra 12 minutes for her bus, as her son would only board the number nine that was being driven by Superman."

Danielle Glavin, Cancer Research UK spokesperson for Essex, said: "We are incredibly grateful to Arriva's superheroes for donning their capes and tights to take on cancer. Not only have they raised a fantastic amount of money, they've raised a lot of smiles along the way too."

To support the cause visit [www.justgiving.com/arrivasouthend](http://www.justgiving.com/arrivasouthend).

## Woman to be sentenced for distraction burglaries

A WOMAN has admitted carrying out two distraction burglaries in Southend after she befriended her victims claiming she had car problems.

Nicola Collins, 25, of North Road, Westcliff, admitted two counts of burglary at Southend Magistrates' Court on Friday, January 12 and will be sentenced at Basildon Crown Court on Friday, February 9.

At 4pm on Monday, January 8, Collins knocked at a door in Chelmsford Avenue, claiming her car had broken down and she had no phone signal.

She asked to borrow the victim's phone and for a glass of water.

While the victim was distract-

ed she took a two-figure sum of cash out of her purse and left.

The next day Collins knocked at an address in Boston Avenue at 6.20pm and claimed that her car had run out of petrol near Southend Airport, with garages refusing to help her.

Collins asked to use the victim's phone and pretended to call a relative. The victim made Collins, who pretended to cry, a hot drink.

Collins then insisted she wash the cup up, and put her coat on top of the victim's bag, washed up and then left with the handbag, which included cash, keys and personal documents.

She was arrested at home on January 11.

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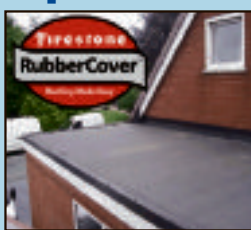
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## READERS' LETTERS

## Time to take back control of economy

BRITAIN voted to leave the EU. Almost 52 percent of Britons voted in favour of leaving.

Although the "leave" campaign often focused on emotional arguments about immigration, there are in fact many reasons those in favour of leaving believed it would benefit the UK. They came from across the political spectrum, and some of the arguments even contradict others.

Over the past few decades, a series of EU treaties have shifted a growing amount of power from individual member states to the central EU bureaucracy in Brussels. On subjects where the EU has been granted authority, like competition policy, agriculture, and copyright and patent law, EU rules override British laws.

Euro-sceptics emphasise that the EU's executive branch, the European Commission, isn't directly accountable to voters in Britain or anyone else. British leaders have little influence on the selection of the European Commission's members.

But once the body has been chosen, none of its members are accountable to the British government or to Britons' elected representatives in the European Parliament.

Sometimes these EU rules sound simply ludicrous, like the rule that you can't recycle a teabag, or that children under eight cannot blow up balloons,

or the limits on the power of vacuum cleaners.

Many British Conservatives look at the European bureaucracy in Brussels the same way American conservatives view the Washington bureaucracy.

Michael Gove has argued that EU regulations cost the British economy £600million every week. We need to take control NOW.

Keith Little  
Benfleet

## Nothing like we were promised

KEITH Knight, while finally acknowledging that the people of this land were taken for a ride by a big red bus during the EU referendum Leave campaign, now supports, at least in theory, the highly democratic notion that the nation must have a meaningful say on the eventual leaving deal, (YA Letters, Jan 12).

This as it becomes clear that any deal will be nothing like what voters were promised by the Leave campaign.

And it's pointless Keith comparing an undeliverable package of Leave lies to any Remain counterarguments because his side won ... get over it!

Leave won the largest vote in the nation's history by the smallest of margins – under four per cent of the vote – leaving a divided nation and putting the future of the UK at risk into the bargain.

Moreover, considering that 60

percent of the over-65s voted Leave and 70 percent of the under-25s voted Remain, it's surely worth checking that even this small political "consensus" is still there as more young people become eligible to vote and older ones depart.

With around 500,000 deaths and 750,000 births each year in the UK and just over one million votes in it this is an imperative or Brexit becomes some sort of bizarre political gotcha perpetrated on the young by the old.

Democracy has to be an ongoing process or it is nothing. Nigel Farage's warming to the idea of re-running the referendum notwithstanding ... it's just a figment of the man's overheated imagination.

John Haran  
Leigh-on-Sea

## Draft budget holds the key to housing

THE council's draft budget now marks an intense period of investigation for homelessness and housing throughout Southend.

The £75k being invested in homelessness issues will in itself not perform miracles, but it will act as a key to unlocking further work and funds from the reserves, which I hope will in these exceptional times be welcomed across the council.

Housing and homelessness issues are becoming intense.

The council has mostly managed to keep the lid on the sometimes high numbers of

people on the streets.

As an authority Southend Council acts well beyond its statutory duty and there is probably not one councillor who does not want to eradicate homelessness in all its forms.

We carry out the work against homelessness with the total support of MPs Sir David Amess and James Duddridge.

The views vary, as you can imagine, so I don't personally criticise members of the council who make suggestions to help, but I personally cannot support the movement restriction of people including families who choose to make Southend their lawful home in whatever form the legitimate housing takes.

We need new residents, it plays a natural role in our town's development. Those who are sent to Southend by whatever agencies are wrong not to assist in re-housing those people, but those people are caught in a terrible crossfire and are made the subject of pointless and unjustified hate.

The way forward is for an examination of policies and practical action for eradicating homelessness, which the council is now urgently moving towards. Government has signalled that the priority for social housing and greater affordability is upon us. Here are just some of the recent actions:

- Homelessness Reduction Act to be implemented in April.
- Funding – allocation of £1 billion up to 2020 to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping.
- Short-term changes to Universal Credit for those in temporary accommodation who receive support for housing costs.
- Housing First Pilots announced in Autumn Budget.
- Access to the private rented sector – £20m set aside in the Budget.
- The Rough Sleeping and Homelessness Reduction Taskforce which will be supported by the Rough Sleeping Advisory Panel.

Whatever politicians say, everyday reality is my concern and listening to what residents say and experience is important. The other reality is that provided by the agencies and individuals who deal with the homelessness or street community. They deserve our gratitude.

Take a bow, HARP, Southend Vineyard, Family Mosaic, Southend YMCA, Richmond Fellowship, STARS, Churches, One Love, Street Pastors, South Essex Homes for management of temporary accommodation, Southend Council's Housing Team and the police.

It's a huge effort and works almost 365 days a year.

The complexity of housing and homelessness is nothing short of amazing and the need to build more, the need to house the homeless and fix some sad and broken lives is absolutely urgent.

At night when we switch the lights off, thousands across the UK will bed down still vulnerable and open to the elements with, sadly, some abuse.

We need to stop the political posturing with homelessness and join together to eradicate it. Facing the fact that there will always be people who will not want to have help and support, but the current numbers on our or any town or cities' streets in the UK are too high.

That the UK needs a national homelessness register is beyond argument. Councils spend a disproportionate time investigating individuals' backgrounds and origins to cope with any needs or sometimes to learn the identity.

I am moving that the Housing Working Party sits at least quarterly, but more if needed, and that the focus is equally homelessness by reflecting this in the name of the working party to Housing and Homelessness Working Party, my colleagues will be asked to agree this.

Cllr Mark Flewitt  
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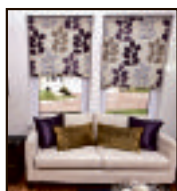
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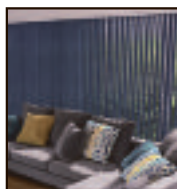
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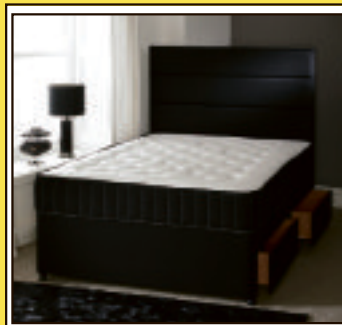
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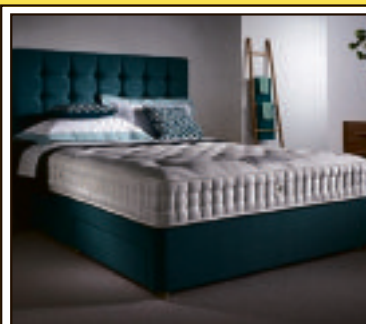
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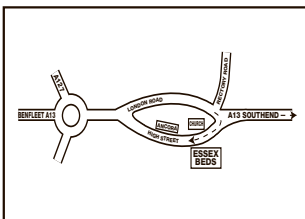


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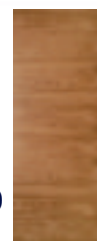
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# LIFESTYLE

## Hyde and seek

By Lewis Berrill

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ROBERT Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* is coming to Basildon's Towngate Theatre from January 31 until February 1.

Adapted by Nick Lane, associate director and literary manager at Hull Truck from 2006-2014, this modern take on the classic tale re-imagines the parameters of gender within society to tell a new story.

Stevenson's gothic novella was first published in 1886. Lane uses the story to explore themes and emotions of personal importance. Injured in a car accident at the age of 26,

He had to abandon his acting career because of a permanently damaged neck and back.

He turned to directing and used his experience to imagine Jekyll as a physically weakened man who discovers a cure to his ailments, but at a terrible cost.

Jekyll is physically broken but with a brilliant mind. When he uses his home-developed solution on himself this is

reversed, and he becomes physically well, but turns into a savage and a brute, incapable of maintaining healthy human relationships.

In an exclusive interview with the YA, Lane spoke of how his representation of Jekyll's character is the manifestation of a question he has often asked himself since his accident: "Would I drink a magic potion that would heal my back if it meant I would become a nasty person?"

He paused, before saying: "Yes, yes I would. I believe the human ego would always be confident in its ability to control the mind."

It is a recurring theme in this adaptation of Jekyll and Hyde, whether the body controls the mind, or vice versa.

Lane's adaptation delivers this classic tale with a modern twist. He felt the original story was devoid of positive, important female characters.

He said: "I noticed that all of the women were either prostitutes, servants or witnesses. I wanted to introduce a female character with an important role to play in driving the narrative."

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## Jekyll and Hyde

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That character is Eleanor, who acts as a catalyst for the main character. She is the driving force behind Jekyll.

Lane says the inspiration for such a character comes from Stevenson's wife, Frannie, who drove the writer of Jekyll and Hyde to not only finish the story, but to make it great.

Lane wanted a character in the story to reflect the role Frannie had on Stevenson's life.

Before she met Stevenson, Frannie was a single mother, but was also studying, which was uncommon for her time.

"Those type of women were known as 'adventurers'," explained Lane.

"When Stevenson married her she began to help him immediately," he continued. "When he first showed her a draft of the story she told him it was not good enough, so he started over, finishing the story in one night."

The case features Jack Bannell as Henry Jekyll/Edward Hyde, Paige Round as Eleanor Lanyon, Zach Lee as Gabriel Utterson, and Ashley Sean-Cook as Hastings Lanyon, all of whom Lane praises.

He said: "They were amazing. I have been lucky as each of them have been an absolute delight to work with."

The show will be Lane's first time directing at Basildon's Towngate theatre. And he is "very excited" to show the people of Essex his work.

He said: "So far the reaction to it has been good. It's a thrilling night at the theatre. Inspired by struggles many of us face, and led by an excellent cast."

■ Tickets are available from [www.blackeyedtheatre.co.uk](http://www.blackeyedtheatre.co.uk) and [www.towngatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.towngatetheatre.co.uk).

## STOP PRESS



PRESS GANG: Tom Hanks as Ben Bradlee and Meryl Streep as Katharine Graham

PA Photo/Twentieth Century Fox Film/Entertainment One Films/Niko Tavernise

THE POST (12A, 116 mins)

IN 1971, The New York Times successfully petitioned the Supreme Court to uphold the rights of a free press in response to a challenge from President Richard Nixon to suspend publication of classified reports detailing US military involvement in Vietnam.

Director Steven Spielberg's handsome dramatisation of events leading up to this high-profile legal showdown feels uncomfortably relevant in a modern era of fake news and presidential Twitter outbursts.

The Post is also a timely depiction of gender inequality in the workplace and lionises the achievements of Katharine Graham, publisher of The Washington Post, who risked losing the business her father bought in 1933 because she refused to be bullied into submission by a patriarchal establishment and sacrifice ideals enshrined in the First Amendment of the US Constitution.

Tubs are repeatedly thumped in Spielberg's picture, most powerfully in Meryl Streep's tour-de-force portrayal of Graham, which captures every facet of a working mother's resolve, inner turmoil and defiance.

It seems almost redundant to draw attention to her ability to delve beneath the skin of her characters but Streep's work here is sublime.

Tom Hanks provides robust support as Ben Bradlee, crusading executive editor of The

Washington Post, who doesn't appreciate meddling from the boardroom.

"Keep your finger out of my eye," he tells Graham during one frank exchange.

The film opens in 1966 Vietnam, where military analyst Daniel Ellsberg (Matthew Rhys) witnesses first-hand the loss of US troops and reports back his grave concerns to Secretary of Defence Robert McNamara (Bruce Greenwood).

Fearful that the administration is whitewashing the unflattering truth, Ellsberg photocopies classified reports and leaks pages to The New York Times.

In Washington, Bradlee reads his rival's scoop with envy.

"Anyone else tired of reading the news rather than writing it?" he despairs to his team.

Bradlee encourages reporter Ben Bagdikian (Bob Odenkirk) to chase down a copy of the report so The Post can bloody its nose too.

After a sluggish opening 15 minutes, The Post whirrs smoothly into action, cutting back and forth between Graham and Bradlee's personal odysseys.

Streep is in imperious form and she richly deserves a 21st Oscar nomination.

Hanks issues the picture's rallying cry for the media to hold a microscope to the political elite and expose every ugly blemish.

"We have to be the check on their power," he sermonises. "If we don't hold them accountable, who will?"

Released: January 19  
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■ Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nenenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.  
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, starts: 2-4pm, marquee: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.40pm. Snooker and bingo, £2. 01268 465854.  
■ Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.  
■ Book Club – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am. 01268 465854.  
■ Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.  
■ Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

### Saturday, January 20

■ Yardarm Folk Orchestra – Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Benfleet, SS7 4BS. 7.30pm. Tickets: £7, concessions £5, children free. 01268 755291 for tickets and information.  
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■ Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

### Sunday, January 21

■ South East Essex Ramblers – Benfleet Downs, 10am, meet School Lane car park SS7 1NS. Details: 07842 211218  
■ Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz Duo – Woodmans Arms, Rayleigh Road, Thundersley, 1pm. 01268 775799.  
■ Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.  
■ Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.  
■ Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.  
■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.  
■ King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.  
■ Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.  
■ Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.  
■ Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.

### Monday, January 22

■ Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 8-7pm. £2 per session.  
■ Ron Spack's Jazztet – Dave Jago, trombone, Chris English, keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Southend, 8.30pm. Details 01702 512819.  
■ Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.  
■ Green bowls – Mopsies Park, Vange, details 01268 558756.  
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■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, [join@basildonplayers.co.uk](mailto:join@basildonplayers.co.uk).  
■ Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.  
■ Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Carvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.  
■ Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.  
■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777665.  
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### Tuesday, January 23


■ Rayleigh Horticultural Society talk – St Michael's Church Hall, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, SS6 9JB. Keith "Badger" Price will be speaking on Shaping and Pruning your Garden Trees joined by Geoff Blower for Q&A session. 8pm. Admission £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members.  
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■ Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Rd, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.  
■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.  
■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.  
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.  
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## Connells raises £3,496 for NSPCC

NATIONAL estate agency Connells is delighted to announce that the total amount raised in 2017 for its chosen charity, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC), is £3,496.

To reach such a fantastic figure for the company's yearly donation, staff have participated in various fundraising events including the annual Connells Partner's Ball, branch bake sales and company dress down days.

Connells Estate Agency Chief Executive David Plumtree presented the NSPCC with a cheque for the donation at Connells' head office in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

Mr Plumtree says: "We're proud to have been supporting the NSPCC for more than 15 years now and I would like to thank all those who have been involved in fundraising for such a worthwhile cause over the last and previous years."

"The NSPCC's work is so important to the lives of many children around the UK and we're thrilled to be able to continue contributing in this way."

Jacqui Venters, community fundraising manager at the NSPCC, says: "We are very grateful to Connells for this wonderful support."

"The NSPCC is here to help prevent abuse and neglect and donations like this help make that possible. On behalf of the charity

and all of the children that will be helped I want to say a huge thank you to all of Connells' employees and clients who have shown such fabulous support for many years."

The NSPCC is the UK's leading charity specialising in child protection and the prevention of cruelty to children. It runs a range of locally based services for children and families; campaigns to help change and improve the lives of children; runs a helpline for adults to call if they are concerned about a child; and provides ChildLine, the UK's free, confidential 24-hour helpline and online service for children and young people to call if they need help or advice.



**CHEQUE:** Connells Group Estate Agency Chief Executive David Plumtree with NSPCC community fundraising manager Jacqui Venters

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### PROBATE SALE, HIGHLANDS, LEIGH £465,000

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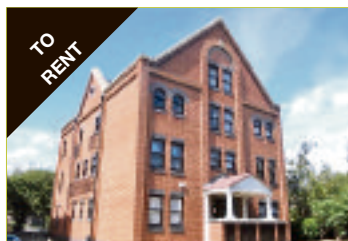


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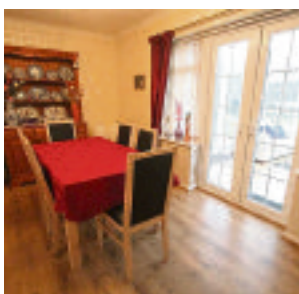
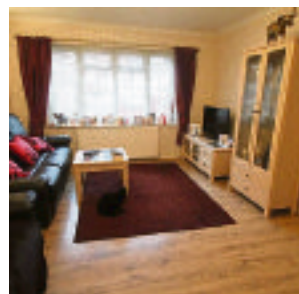


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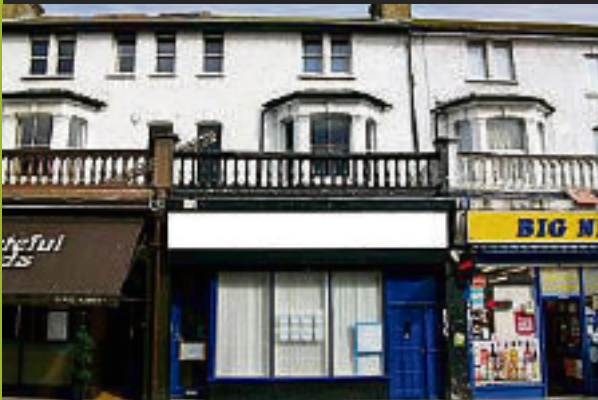
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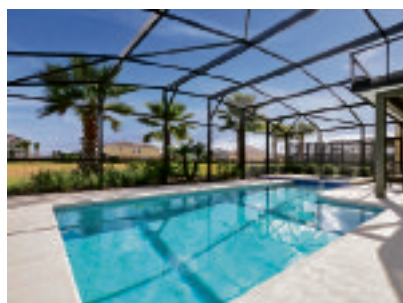
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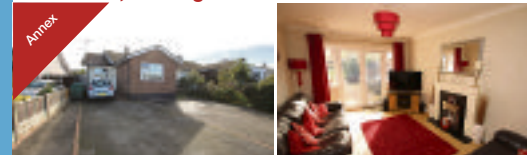


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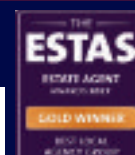
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By Ian Johnson

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Bearing in mind that the wonder of the world in the primary school classroom at the time was the pre-selector gearbox and cars did not even have seatbelts, it was little wonder that I treated this view with derision and could not suppress a smile.

Having been assured by my parent that the man "knew his stuff", I was reminded of the episode by news of a development from Nissan.

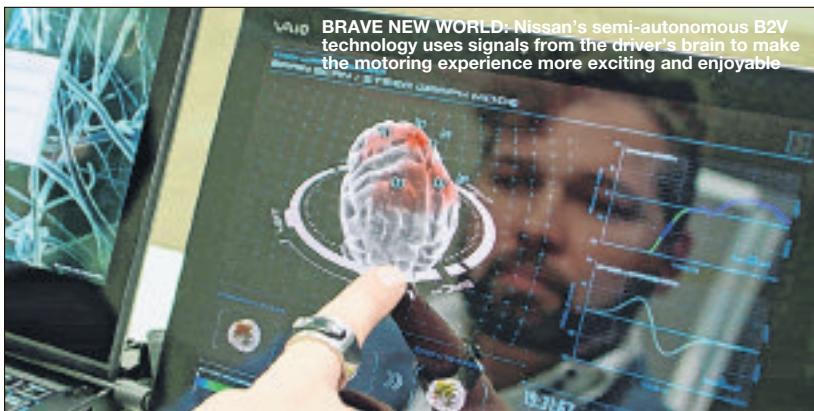
The Japanese car maker, renowned for its technical excellence has unveiled research that is aimed at

enabling vehicles to interpret signals from the driver's brain, redefining how people interact with their cars.

The company's Brain-to-Vehicle, or B2V, technology promises to speed up reaction times for drivers and will lead to cars that keep adapting to make driving more enjoyable.

Nissan is demonstrating the capabilities of this exclusive technology at the CES 2018 trade show in Las Vegas. B2V is the latest development in Nissan Intelligent Mobility, the company's vision for transforming how cars are driven, powered and integrated into society.

"When most people think about autonomous driving, they have a very impersonal vision of the future, where humans relinquish control to the machines. Yet B2V technology does the opposite, by using signals from their own brain to make the drive even more



exciting and enjoyable," said Nissan executive vice-president Daniele Schillaci. "Through Nissan Intelligent Mobility, we are moving people to a better world by delivering more autonomy, more electrification and more connectivity."

This breakthrough from Nissan is the result of research into using brain

decoding technology to predict a driver's actions and detect discomfort.

By catching signs that the driver's brain is about to initiate a movement – such as turning the steering wheel or pushing the accelerator pedal – driver assist technologies can begin the action more quickly.

This can improve reaction

times and enhance manual driving.

By detecting and evaluating driver discomfort, artificial intelligence can change the driving configuration or driving style when in autonomous mode.

Other possible uses include adjusting the vehicle's internal environment, said Dr

Lucian Gheorghe, senior innovation researcher at the Nissan Research Centre in Japan, who is leading the B2V research.

For example, the technology can use augmented reality to adjust what the driver sees and create a more relaxing environment.

"The potential applications of the technology are incredible," Dr Gheorghe said. "This research will be a catalyst for more Nissan innovation inside our vehicles in the years to come."

Nissan's B2V technology is the world's first system of its kind. The driver wears a device that measures brainwave activity, which is analysed by autonomous systems.

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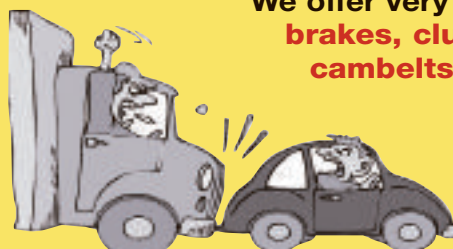
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Notice is hereby given that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance to Part III of Schedule 9 to the act of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 the effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Consolidation Order by the adding and deleting of the items listed below and the updating of Map Tile Schedules J8, J9, J10, J11, R9, R15, S22, T17, T18, U23, U24, V22, V23, V24, W21, W23 & X27.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 ORDER 2018

To introduce No Waiting Mon-Fri, 11am-12 Noon on the following lengths of Road

| Road        | Side of Road | Proposed Description   |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| Fermoy Road | South        | From a point 14m east of its junction with Thorpe Hall Avenue to approximately 18m west of its junction with Tyrone Road |
| Fermoy Road | North        | From a point 14m east of its junction with Thorpe Hall Avenue to the boundary of Nos 31/33 Fermoy Road                   |
| Tyrone Road | East         | From a point 15m north of its junction with Johnstone Road to a point 14m south of its junction with Fermoy Road         |
| Tyrone Road | West         | From a point 15m north of its junction with Johnstone Road to the boundary of Nos 89/91 Tyrone Road                      |

To introduce Limited Waiting Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm 1 Hour No Return within 4 Hours on the following length of Road

| Road        | Side of Road | Proposed Description   |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| Tyrone Road | West         | From the boundary of 89/91 Tyrone Road to a point 12m southwest of its junction with Fermoy Road |

To introduce No Loading at Any Time on the following lengths of Road

| Road        | Side of Road | Proposed Description   |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| Fermoy Road | South        | East of its junction with Tyrone Road for approximately 19m  |
| Fermoy Road | South        | West of its junction with Tyrone Road for approximately 18m  |
| Tyrone Road | West         | South of its junction with Fermoy Road for approximately 12m |
| Tyrone Road | East         | South of its junction with Fermoy Road for approximately 14m |

To introduce No Waiting 9am-6pm - 1st March to 31st October on the following length of Road

| Road           | Side of Road | Proposed Description  |
|----------------|--------------|---|
| Colbert Avenue | North        | From a point opp the western flank wall of Nos 1 to 6 Links Court to the eastern boundary of No. 1 Colbert Avenue |

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| Road  | Side of Junction |
|---|------------------|
| Colbert Avenue at its junction with Cliveden Road | Both             |
| Colbert Avenue at its junction with Walton Road   | Both             |
| Colbert Avenue at its junction with Lynton Road   | Both             |
| Colbert Avenue at its junction with Warwick Road  | East             |
| Burges Road at its junction with Burges Terrace   | Both             |

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2 ORDER 2018

To introduce New On-Street Parking Bays in Ness Road

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|  | Up to 6 hrs                | £6.00              | £5.50              |
|  | 7+ hrs                     | £8.00              | £7.00              |

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3 ORDER 2018

To introduce No Waiting Mon-Fri, 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.30pm on the following length of Road

| Road            | Side of Road | Proposed Description  |
|-----------------|--------------|---|
| Benvenue Avenue | West         | From the end of the School Keep Clear Marking to 10m north of its junction with Whitehouse Road |

To introduce No Stopping Mon-Fri, 8.00-9.30am and 2.30-4.30pm on the following length of Road

| Road                  | Side of Road | Proposed Description            |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Southchurch Boulevard | South East   | Outside Southchurch High School |

To introduce No Waiting at Any time on the following lengths of Road

| Road           | Side of Road | Proposed Description  |
|----------------|--------------|---|
| Rayleigh Road  | North        | From its junction with Eastwood Park Drive westwards to approximately the western boundary of No. 274 Rayleigh Road |
| Grange Gardens | North        | From its junction with Tyrrel Drive westwards for approximately 13.5m   |
| Grange Gardens | Both         | From the junction between Escot and Lymthorpe to the junction between Nos 14 & 16 Grange Gardens                    |
| Grange Gardens | South        | From its junction with Tyrrel Drive westwards for a distance of 12m   |
| The Rodings    | West         | From its junction with Rayleigh Road to the common boundary between Nos 15 & 17 The Rodings                         |

### REVOCATIONS

#### THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, PARKING PLACES AND PERMIT PARKING ZONES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2016

|                              |                         |                            |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| No Waiting Mon-Fri - 2pm-3pm | Fermoy Road             | Item Nos 108905 and 108906 |
| No Waiting at Any Time       | The Rodings             | Item No. 104719            |
|                              | Rayleigh Road           | Item No. 104743            |
|                              | Grange Gardens          | Item Nos 103449 and 103450 |
| Loading Only                 | Farringdon Service Road | Item No 107948             |
| Disabled Parking Bays        | Inverness Avenue        | Item No. 112395            |
|                              | Chelsea Avenue          | Item No. 105492            |
|                              | Ronald Hill Grove       | Item No. 106981            |
| Unrestricted Parking Bays    | Ness Road               | Item No. 112964            |

Copies of the draft Order, plan and Statement of the Council's Reasons for proposing to make the Order may be viewed at the Contact Centre on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours.

Documents can also be viewed online at

<http://www.southendtraffweb.co.uk/consult/main.html>

Comments on the proposals together with the reasons for which they are made should be sent in writing or via the above website to reach the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) and marked for the attention of the Traffic Management & Road Safety Team at the address below by no later than 6th February 2018.

All written representations received concerning Traffic Regulation Orders are public documents that may be inspected by any person on demand.

A Griffin  
Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue,  
Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS2 6ER



Dated: 17th January 2018

#### THE BOROUGH OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit) Order 2006 (As Amended) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make an Order under Section 1, 2, (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and Section 73 Schedule 7 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Act 1984, the effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Consolidation Order by adding those items listed in the Schedule below:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 ORDER 2018

The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit) Order 2006 (As Amended) - Schedule 2 - One-Way Streets

| Road          | Description  | Direction of Permitted Movement |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Hadleigh Road | From its junction with Leigh Park Road to its junction with New Road | Southwards                      |

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2 ORDER 2018

The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit) Order 2006 (As Amended) - Schedule 2 - One-Way Streets

| Road                 | Description   | Direction of Permitted Movement |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Chalkwell Park Drive | From its junction with A13 London Road to its junction with Pall Mall | Southwards                      |

A copy of the proposed Orders, a map showing the roads to which the Orders relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be inspected at the Customer Services Counter on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours.

Objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be sent in writing to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) and marked for the attention of the Traffic Management & Road Safety Team at the address below by no later than 6th February 2018.

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### Essex County Council

#### Planning Application Essex County Council Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Notice is hereby given that Essex County Council has received a planning application from Cory Environmental Limited for continuation of development permitted by planning permission ESS/47/10/ROC without compliance with condition 1 (approved details), condition 40 (restoration date) and condition 41 (removal of haul road) to allow operations to continue until 2022 and to permit the haul road until 2023. ESS/47/10/ROC was for the following development 'Revise the pre-settlement contours of the existing landfill operation through the importation of non-hazardous waste, with associated extension in time requiring all operations to have ceased and the site to be restored by 31 December 2016. The application also provides for open windrow composting of green waste to take place at the site, with the product used for soil improvement at the site and revision of localised post settlement contours, including the infilling of a pond' at Barling Marsh Quarry and Landfill Site, SS3 0NR - ESS/38/16/ROC.

The proposal may affect the setting of All Saints Church which is a Grade II\* Listed Building. The proposed development may not accord with the provision of the development plan in force in the area which the land to which the application relates is situated.

Footpath/Bridleway 281\_30 may be affected by the proposal.

Members of the public may inspect a copy of the application and other documents submitted with it online at [www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning](http://www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning) or at Essex County Council at the below address (please call for an appointment on 03330 139808).

Consultation on this application is open until 7 February 2018.

Representations or objections in respect of this application can be made online at [www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning](http://www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning); via email to [mineralsandwastedm@essex.gov.uk](mailto:mineralsandwastedm@essex.gov.uk); or in writing to the undersigned by 7 February 2018. Please include your name and full postal address. Any representations or objections received will be taken into account by the Council with the result that they may be made available to the public.

For details on how information will be used and held by ECC please see the Minerals and Waste Planning Privacy Statement at <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Minerals-Waste-Planning-Team/>

Dated: 17 January 2018

Graham Thomas, Head Of Planning Service, Essex County Council, Minerals & Waste Planning, Planning & Environment, E3 County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH

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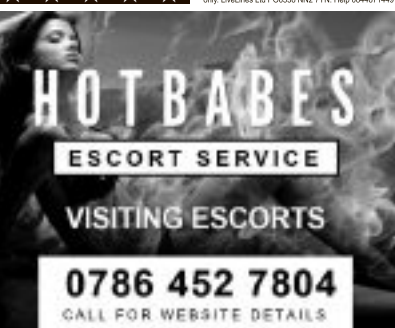
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# BLUES SUNK BY COD ARMY

## Football

**Southend United 1 Fleetwood 2**  
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at Roots Hall

THE pressure on Southend boss Phil Brown increased after second-half Toumani Diagouraga and Paddy Madden strikes sank the Shrimpers on Saturday.

Michael Kightly's late strike was scant consolation in another forgettable home reverse.

A dire opening period saw Devante Cole go closest with a glancing header from Ashley Hunter's 22nd minute free-kick, before the Cod Army's 12-goal striker saw a pot-shot blocked by sub Stephen Hendrie, on for the unlucky Michael Turner, who limped off.

Shot-shy Southend failed to force visiting keeper Chris Neal into a single save with Stephen McLaughlin blazing his side's only clear-cut opportunity high and wide seven minutes before the break.

Despite a brighter opening to the second-half, with McLaughlin finally bringing a smart save out of Neal, the major talking point – on 54 minutes – saw goalscorer Diagouraga lunge into Michael Timlin with a two-footed tackle.

Brown later insisted: "It was a red-card challenge. I'm not sure whether he slipped, but he went in with twelve studs showing."

"The referee was quick to produce a yellow card, under pressure from the opposing players."



**GOAL:** A late Michael Kightly strike provided no consolation as the struggling Shrimpers sank deeper into trouble  
Photo courtesy of SUFC

The new signing from divisional rivals Plymouth Argyle was extremely lucky to still be on the pitch and three minutes later was celebrating his debut goal, from sub Paddy Madden's flick following sloppy Anton Ferdinand play.

On 62 minutes the gloom descended further over Roots Hall as Madden was all too easily allowed to net from close-range, after the home defence failed to deal with Kyle Dempsey's flick.

Brown tried an injection of pace, introducing Marc Antoine-Fortune after 65 minutes, in place of skipper Ferdinand.

But the visitors, with their tails up, continued to ask all the questions, with Madden proving a handful for the bedraggled home back line, and just failed to connect with Lewis Coyle's 81st minute cross.

Late Southend sub Norman Wabo tried his luck with seven minutes remaining, but Neal was

equal to the youngster's close-range snap-shot.

Kightly – with a wickedly deflected 20-yarder – at least gave the Shrimpers some late hope when he drilled home on 86 minutes after Fleetwood failed to clear their lines from McLaughlin's flag-kick.

With referee Anthony Coggins adding on five minutes' stoppage time, Wabo had a golden chance to level, but from Kightly's set-piece the loose ball only rebounded from the sub's right shin, barely troubling Neal.

Brown added: "Basic mistakes by our senior pros are now getting punished. Wins are important, but a nil-nil draw would have given us something to build on. I don't fear for my future. I don't fear the axe."

"Until 55 minutes today I was enjoying my week, until we made a couple of errors."

He added: "The fans have a right to vent their frustration. I'm let-

ting them down, I'm fully to blame and so are the players. It's only us that can get us out of this situation. But, we are looking at four or five new signings."

He concluded: "At the moment we are in a spot of bother."

After his 250th Southend appearance, Timlin admitted: "We're extremely disappointed not to get something from the game. But we didn't recover from their first goal. People have to realise we're in a relegation scrap and everyone needs to stand up and be counted."

"We will go to Rochdale (this Saturday, kick-off 3pm) for a huge battle. We mustn't get rolled over and hope our fans – who always travel in large numbers – will be there."

Fleetwood boss Uwe Rösler said: "Today was more like us. We didn't give away many chances and in the second-half our fitness paid dividends."

**Southend United:** Mark Oxley, John White, Anton Ferdinand (capt), Marc Antoine-Fortune 69, Michael Turner, Ben Coker, Jason Demetriou, Michael Timlin, Michael Kightly, Jermaine McGlashan, Simon Cox (Norman Wabo 65), Stephen McLaughlin. Subs (not used): Nathan Bishop, Amadou Ba, Harry Kyprianou, Elvis Bwomono.

**Fleetwood:** Chris Neal, Lewis Coyle (Nathan Pond), Cian Bolger (capt), Amar'i Bell, Toumani Diagouraga, Marcus Schwab, Kyle Dempsey, Ashley Hunter, Devante Cole (Conor Alery 76), Wes Burns (Paddy Madden 56). Subs (not used): Alex Cairns, Jordy Hiwula, Bobby Grant, Jack Sowerby.

**Referee:** Anthony Coggins  
**Assistants:** Paul Yates, Christopher Ward

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## Non-league round-up

## Chester stunned as Rocks roll on

By Brian Jeeves

EAST Thurrock United produced another giant-killing act as Chester were sent packing in a dramatic Buildbase FA Trophy second round tie at Rookery Hill.

Calvin Epiteta bagged the only goal of a tense contest shortly before the 20-minute mark, while Chester debutant, Gary Roberts, was shown a straight red card for a late challenge in the final stages.

The Rocks will be joined in the third round by Billericay Town and Leyton Orient. Town won an entertaining tie with Stourbridge 3-2 at the AGP Arena. Jake Robinson, Ricky Modeste and a last-minute Billy Bricknell goal ensuring their progress.

Earlier, the Black Country outfit had led 2-1, Leon Broadhurst and Stuart Pierpoint finding the net for the Glassboys.

Orient required extra-time to see off Bognor Regis Town at Nyewood Lane. Macauley Bonne and Josh Korona helped the East Londoners through after Jimmy Muitt's late strike restored parity during the regular 90-minutes for the hosts. However, it was the end of the road for Heybridge Swifts who slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Maidstone United. Juan Luque grabbed a consolation for the Swifts after Jamar Lozza and Darius Osei had given the Stones an unassailable advantage before the break.

Chelmsford City rescued a National League South point thanks to Thomas Hitchcock's goal two minutes from time against Bath City at the Melbourne Stadium. Ross Stearn had given the visitors the lead.

Spare a thought for the players, officials and supporters of Concord Rangers who were well on their way to their mammoth trip to Truro City, only to discover that the Trevery Road pitch was waterlogged and the match was off.

Billy Hunt scored twice, one from the penalty spot, while Josh Gould also found the net as Brightlingsea Regent were 3-0 Bostik League Premier Division winners over Worthing at North Road. But Thurrock went down 2-0 against Staines Town at Ship Lane.

Bostik North leaders, AFC Hornchurch, were involved in a thrilling clash with Waltham Abbey at Bridge Avenue. Sam Robbins (og), Theo Fairweather-Johnson, Matthias Fanimo, Nathan Livings and George Purcell all found the net for the home side, while Christian Assombalonga, Billy Holland, Nathan Koranteng and Jack Daveney responded. The eventual outcome, 5-4 to the Urchins.

Lewis Manor (2) and Callum Leahy ensured that Bowers & Pitsea kept up the pace with a 3-1 win at Brentwood Town. Meanwhile, Ryan Melaugh (2, 1 pen), George Sykes, Mitchell Gilbey and Steve Sheehan confirmed Canvey Island's place among the promotion contenders as they won 5-1 at Ware.

Correy Davidson (2) and Elliott Ronto eased Witham Town to a 3-0 win over Tilbury at Chadfields, while Kieran Bishop (2) and Adeyinka Cole (pen) saw Grays Athletic take maximum points with a 3-1 success over AFC Sudbury.

Chris Taylor helped Romford to a notable 2-1 win at Maldon & Tiptree. Oluwale Akinsanya responding for the Jammers.

Aveley won 2-1 on the road at Mildenhall Town, with Lewis Gard and Alex Teniola finding the net.

But Barking missed an opportunity to close in on the play-off places after slipping to a 2-0 defeat at Potters Bar Town.

Essex Senior League provided some huge scorelines, with Takeley thrashing Burnham Ramblers 9-0, and Basildon United hammering Hackney Wick 7-0. Great Wakering Rovers eased past Tower Hamlets 6-1 at Burroughs Park.

There were 3-2 successes on the road for both Southend Manor and Hullbridge Sports at Wadham Lodge and West Essex respectively, while Ilford edged past Sporting Bengal United 2-1. FC Romania won by the same scoreline against Waltham Forest.

Elsewhere, Barkingside and Woodford Town (2017) played out an entertaining 2-2 draw at the Cricklefield Stadium.

# Moyes' joy as Arnautovic makes his mark

**Huddersfield 1 West Ham 4**

WEST Ham United manager David Moyes was satisfied with his side's toil after the East Londoners recorded a resounding 4-1 Premier League success over Huddersfield Town at the John Smith's Stadium.

Mark Noble gave the Hammers a first-half lead, and despite Joe Lolley restoring parity five minutes before the break a devastating three-goal burst, thanks to Marko Arnautovic and a Manuel Lanzini brace immediately after the interval, ensured West Ham their second away victory of the campaign, carrying them up to 11th in the table.

"We've got a long way to go, but the players have done brilliantly well since we came in and a lot of praise must go to them", Moyes told the club's official website

Arnautovic took his goal tally to six, finding the net just 11 seconds into the second half, and Moyes was quick to praise his contribution to the Hammers' surge up the table.



**THREAT:** Marko Arnautovic  
Photo by Jason Mitchell

"I'm really pleased with Marko. Everybody told me he hadn't performed before I came, but every-

body knew how good he was at Stoke City, and that's why we paid a big fee for him.

"Giving him a freer role up front has given him a chance to show other sides to his game as well, with the effort and the way he has worked."

"Manu could have played him in a couple of times in the first half but he didn't get the pass. In the end, it was Marko playing in Lanzini to score, so his all-round play was very good. He's done really well."

"The two centre-forwards were a threat all day. Every time it went to them, it looked like they were causing problems. It was a real, terrific team effort. Everyone worked hard and did their jobs and I have to praise them all."

**Huddersfield Town:** Lossel, Smith (Kongolo 71'), Zanka, Schindler, Malone, Hogg, Mooy, van La Parra, Lolley (Pritchard 65'), Ince, Depoitre Subs not used: Coleman, Sabiri, Williams, Mounie, Hefele  
**West Ham United:** Adrian, Collins, Ogbonna, Cresswell, Zabaleta, Obiang, Kouyate, Noble, Masuaku, Lanzini (Rice 85'), Arnautovic (Ayew 82') Subs not used: Hart, Hernandez, Burke, Cullen

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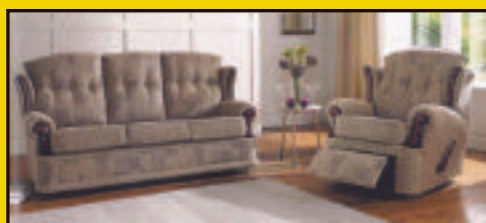
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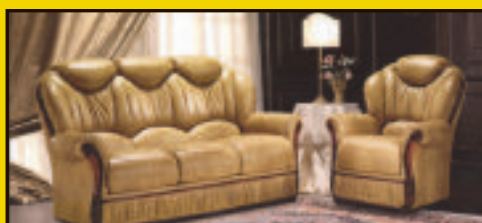
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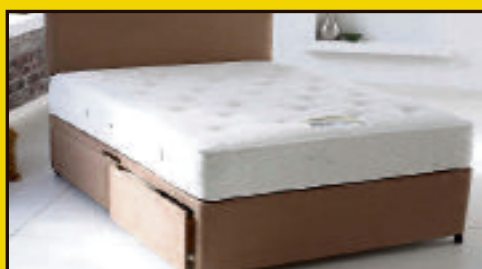
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